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In re the application of: Paul Martakos, et al.

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For: METHOD FOR FORMING EXPANDABLE POLYMERS HAVING DRUGS OR AGENTS

INCLUDED THEREWITH

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Examiner: Stephen J. Lechert Jr.

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 20, 2004, wherein the Examiner advances a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection directed toward pending claims 1-33 and 55-92 in view of co-pending Application No. 10/131,446, Applicant respectfully submits a Terminal Disclaimer filed in compliance with 37 CFM 1.321(c). Said terminal disclaimer is attached herein. In view of this timely filed terminal disclaimer,

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Applicant respectfully submits that the pending application is herein in condition for allowance and urges the Examiner to pass the pending application to issue.

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